

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

1           A hermetic seal functions as a closure between opposite ends of the coupling  
2   by combining a metal sleeve and an elastomer sleeve extension. The metal sleeve is  
3   sealingly attached to the outer surface of one end of the coupling and the elastomer  
4   sleeve, sealingly attached to the metal sleeve, is attached at the distal end to the  
5   other end of the coupling. As an alternative, the distal end may be bonded to a  
6   second metal sleeve sealingly attached to the other end of the coupling. The seal may  
7   be convoluted, with multiple convolutions.